

# WHAT'S *New*

in the Metropolitan Police Department



*A weekly update for residents, visitors,  
and workers in the District of Columbia*

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## CELEBRATE CRIME PREVENTION MONTH THIS OCTOBER BY GETTING INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY POLICING

Although community policing and crime prevention are year-round activities, each year October is set aside as National Crime Prevention Month. The MPDC encourages all District residents to use this month as a time to get involved in “Policing for Prevention” – DC’s unique approach to community policing — in their neighborhoods. There are a number of ways to get active and get involved. For example, residents are urged to attend the monthly meeting of their Police Service Area. PSA meetings give police and residents a chance to meet one another, identify crime problems and develop joint problem-solving strategies. Residents can also attend their district’s Citizen Advisory Council, which works with the district commander on broader strategies and resource needs. Other crime prevention activities include walking with (or starting) a citizen patrol (often known as Orange Hats or Red Hats), participating in a Neighborhood Watch/Block Captain program, starting a community newsletter, joining a public safety listserv, or volunteering to support neighborhood youth. Said Chief Ramsey, “The partnerships we develop, and the energy we ignite, during Crime Prevention Month will yield positive results in terms of public safety in our communities throughout the year.”

- ① For more information about Policing for Prevention and how residents can get involved, click on:

[http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,3,q,548572,mpdcNav\\_GID,1530.asp](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,3,q,548572,mpdcNav_GID,1530.asp)

- ① For more information and resources on Crime Prevention Month, visit:

[http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,3,q,548572,mpdcNav\\_GID,1530.asp](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,3,q,548572,mpdcNav_GID,1530.asp)

- ① Also this month, DC plays host to the National Conference on Preventing Crime: Power of Prevention, at the Hilton Washington in Northwest DC, October 8-11. For details, go to:

<http://www.ncpc.org/ncpc/ncpc?pg=5882-7518-16798>

## SUSPECT ARRESTED IN SERIES OF HOTEL ROBBERIES

Over the past several months, a number of armed robberies have taken place at hotels in Northwest DC – some involving robberies of the establishments themselves, others the robberies of individuals at the hotels. In response to this pattern, the Second and Third Police districts set up special teams to try and identify the person or persons responsible for the crimes. This past week, a subject wanted on a warrant for Parole Violation, unrelated to the hotel robberies, surrendered himself to police at the 2D Detectives’ Office, apparently after learning he was a person of interest in the case. After a subsequent investigation, detectives charged the suspect with armed robbery in connection with the robberies of, or at, five hotels, dating from April 25 to August 25, 2005. The suspect is identified as 24-year-old George Cornelius Haynes, whose last known address was the 1400 block of U Street, NW. He was arraigned this past week in DC Superior Court, and is being held pending his next court date. The investigation into the robberies is continuing, with the possibility of additional charges being placed.

- ① Read the entire news release at:

<http://app.mpdc.dc.gov/newsroom/newsroom.asp?sid=175000>

- ① Robberies of all types remain a problem in some DC neighborhoods. For tips on how to reduce your risk of being a victim of robbery, visit:

[http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1237,q,547781,mpdcNav\\_GID,1551.asp](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1237,q,547781,mpdcNav_GID,1551.asp)

## AGGRESSIVE SPEEDING IN DC REACHES RECORD LOW DURING AUGUST

Aggressive speeding in DC's photo radar enforcement zones reached a record low rate during August 2005, with just 3 percent of all vehicles monitored by photo radar found to be speeding aggressively (that is, traveling above the threshold speed established for the program). The previous low was 3.1 percent in March and April 2005. By comparison, the aggressive speeding rate was 31 percent in July 2001 (initial warning period) and 25.5 percent in August 2001 (first month of actual ticketing). Of the nearly 703,000 vehicles that passed through photo radar enforcement zones during August 2005, just over 22,000 were found to be speeding aggressively. In August 2001, by contrast, there were only 163,000 vehicles monitored by photo radar, but nearly 42,000 violators detected. Average speeds on DC's roadways, especially residential streets, are substantially lower today than they were when the program began four years ago. On streets with a 25-mph speed limit, the average speed of all vehicles monitored by photo radar was 24.8 mph in August 2005—down from 35.5 mph in July 2001. In 30-mph zones, the average motorist was traveling at 28.9 mph during August 2005; that compares with an average speed of 37.6 mph in July 2001. Since August 2001, just over 1.5 million photo radar Notices of Infraction have been mailed and more than 1.1 million paid, resulting in fines of nearly \$84 million. This level of consistent enforcement has been achieved without taking officers from other community policing assignments in DC neighborhoods.

## MPDC ANNOUNCES INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES; CANDIDATES CAN NOW APPLY ONLINE

Interested in an internship opportunity with the MPDC? Know someone who is? The MPDC is pleased to offer challenging and rewarding opportunities for professional development to qualified students interested in careers in law enforcement, either as sworn officers or civilian employees. The Department's non-paid internship program introduces qualified students to law enforcement as a career and enhances students' understanding of the criminal justice system. In addition, students become familiar with the various rewarding career opportunities that await individuals who choose law enforcement as a career. Students who participate in the MPDC's Internship Program receive academic credit for their unpaid fieldwork in accordance with the criteria developed by their educational institutions. Interns are closely supervised and have an opportunity to participate in a variety of MPDC programs. The MPDC Internship Program also provides information to students who wish to enter careers in law enforcement, such as the application process for sworn membership, the background investigation process and pointers on interviewing and drafting a resume.

## NEWS & NOTES

**Civilian Career Opportunities.** The MPDC continues to seek qualified applicants for a number of professional and technical positions for civilian employees. For information, including requirements, salaries, and application procedures and guidelines, go to <http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1230,q,538142.asp>

**Chief Ramsey on News Channel 8.** Chief Ramsey discusses public safety issues with the public during two media appearances in the upcoming week. On Wednesday, October 5, from 4-5 pm, the Chief appears on News Channel 8's "News Talk" program, hosted by Bruce DuPuyt.

① Access the latest photo radar program information at: [http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1240,q,548110,mpdcNav\\_GID,1552,mpdcNav,1318861.asp](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1240,q,548110,mpdcNav_GID,1552,mpdcNav,1318861.asp)

① Get up-to-date information on DC's red-light camera intersection safety program at: [http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1240,Q,547886,mpdcNav\\_GID,1552,mpdcNav,1,asp](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1240,Q,547886,mpdcNav_GID,1552,mpdcNav,1,asp)

① Motorists are reminded that the MPDC recently announced two new stationary photo radar locations and one new red-light camera location, with warnings only issued through October 14. Details at: <http://app.mpdc.dc.gov/newsroom/newsroom.asp?sid=157000>

① For detailed information on internship opportunities in the MPDC, go to: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1230,q,556538.asp>

① Applications for the Spring 2006 session, which begins in early January, are available from October 1 through November 15, 2005. Interested individuals are encouraged to apply online at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1230,q,556538.asp#application>

### DATA BOX

<b>Homicides</b>	as of 9/30/05
◆ 2005: 144	
◆ 2004: 151	
◆ % Change: -4.6%	
◆ Closure Rate: 54.9% (79 closures)	
<b>Adult Arrests</b>	week end. 9/24/05
◆ Total: 934	
◆ Drugs: 116	
◆ Weapons: 26	
◆ Motor Vehicle Theft: 18	
◆ Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 27	
<b>Juvenile Activity</b>	week end. 9/24/05
◆ Arrests: 61	
◆ Curfew Violations: 56	
◆ Truants: 81	
<b>Firearm Recoveries</b>	as of 9/28/05
◆ September: 159	
◆ 2005 Total: 1,772	
<b>Traffic Fatalities</b>	as of 9/30/05
◆ 2005: 37	
◆ 2004: 38	
◆ % Change: -2.6%	

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